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CIRCULATION DURING APRIL.

W. B. Carr, Business Manager of The St. Louis Republic, being duly sworn, says that the actual number of full and complete copies of the Daily and Sunday Republic printed during the month of April, 1903, all in regular editions, was as per schedule below:

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Net number distributed.....3,487,080 Average daily distribution.....119,239

And said W. B. Carr further says that the number of copies returned and reported unsold during the month of April was 6.2 per cent.

Notary Public, City of St. Louis, Mo. My term expires April 23, 1906.

WORLD'S—1904—FAIR.

ANTHRACITE TRUST.

An injunction against the Anthracite Coal Trust, pursuant to the Sherman antitrust law, is a remedy proposed by Attorney General Knox.

In any event, it behooves the Cabinet to take thought for the time when the anthracite barons are again free under the law to boost the price of coal.

Such a crisis would serve to recall the entire history of the one-year rebate law, beginning with Mr. Roosevelt's celebrated Cincinnati speech.

It is as if some magic spell had been cast over the tariff long ages ago, which it would be sacrilege to break; or, as if the Dingley bill were as old as Egypt and had always enjoyed some sort of sacred immunity.

HOLDING THE FORT.

To hold the fort until Mr. Roosevelt returns from the round of recreation in the West is the plainly discernible object of Postmaster General Payne and his co-defenders of department integrity.

With all his tact Payne has not possessed the art which conceals art; the art to appear bent upon unearthing the frauds while in reality he was suppressing the scandal.

It is due to Mr. Payne that the administration has been seen in an attitude of defense. When its position should have been that of profound concern for the good of the service and of open and straightforward attack upon crime.

Friends of the administration have accentuated its weak position of defense and its need of defenders by rushing to the assistance of Payne during Mr. Roosevelt's absence.

tration's weakness. Their noisy consternation gives weight to the cringing statements of the man who was in a position to know more than any of them, the ex-cashier of the Washington Post Office, which appears to have been a sort of clearing-house for many fraudulent operations.

Mr. Roosevelt, upon his return, will find demoralization reigning to some degree. Out of this it is incumbent upon him to bring seamliness and order.

REVERSING THE LAUGH.

Let the boodlers and their friends remember that three swallows do not make a summer, and that three cases remanded for retrial because of technical errors do not constitute the full story of the State's prosecutions.

By its decision the Supreme Court has not weakened the State's position; it has placed no new obstacle in the way of convictions; with respect to the two cases in question it has further armed the prosecution.

The three decisions so far have had the effect not of discouraging but of strengthening public sympathy and support for the State's cause.

He laughs best who laughs last. It is by no means improbable that with the Meysenberg, Faulkner and Lehmann reversals boodler hopes have seen their brightest days.

CLEAR WATER ASSURED.

St. Louis public officials consider the clear-water problem practically solved. They are confident that the settling and aeration process of clarification will provide a satisfactory quality of water, that may be still more improved, if necessary, as Mayor Wells states, by the installation of a filter plant.

Filtration would give the only final solution of the problem. But there is no doubt that by the settling system which has been agreed upon a clean and fairly healthful water will be supplied.

RECENT COMMENT.

Reforming the Stage Irishman.

The movement of the St. Louis Knights of Father Mathew to "reform" the stage Irishman presents a historic problem that invites the serious attention of the thousands who have abandoned themselves to the humor of the Hibernian funmakers.

How can those of us who have to be amused get along without the rich brogue and rollicking with of the man with Gilhooly whiskers? How can the torpid liver be aroused and the cobwebs brushed out of the brainworks of busy men by a show that is devoid of the old-time Irish comedian? It is the declared purpose of the movement, which originally started in the East, to "reform" the stage Irishman, not to remove him.

Citizens have good cause to commend the city government for adopting this plan of clarification. They will not only get a better quality of water, but will also have the assurance that the expensive and complete Waterworks plant will not be abandoned, and the further assurance that no speculative enterprise, involving an impounded supply, will be noticed.

Mr. Adkins proposes to provide clear water in the near future, which means that clear water will be provided quite awhile before the World's Fair is opened in a year. He intimates that, if necessary, a coagulant will be used in order to give the water a greater clearness.

THE GOOD ROADS OF FRANCE.

When Napoleon began his active military career, he at once inaugurated a system of road building, and to his foresight in planning, and to the skill of his engineers in constructing, France owes her present standing as a model to the roadmakers of the world.

FOR GOOD MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.

Information from various cities of the country of drastic measures being employed to purify municipal government is likely to create an impression that we are far from the advanced stages of corruption.

FIRE PROTECTION.

The construction and equipment of at least ten new engine-houses is one of the projects contemplated in the proposed bond issue for necessary public improvements.

FOOT FREQUENT AND THE WORLD'S FAIR.

But even more interesting than his originality as a writer of romantic fiction is the remarkable forecast in his work of striking and distinctive qualities of later American literature.

PLAYING FOR SAFETY.

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thinks there should be nine more engine-houses in residence districts.

For the central district he favors the installation of a pipe line, with a battery of pumps on the river front. The line would extend about the heart of town, with hydrants at the best locations.

Surely, the best standard of fire protection is a necessity. There are many engine-houses and apparatus. But there are not enough. The city has grown enormously in the past few years.

Republican national managers have agreed that there shall be no action in the line of tariff revision until after the next political campaign.

Some of those present who enjoyed the evening were: Messieurs and Mesdames—Harry Wagner, Olive Barwick, H. H. Wagoner, James Harris, Ed Greina, E. A. Brueberg, Plate Gibbs, of Chicago, Misses—Mary Hill, Rose Pfeiffer, M. Land, Hattie Lay, Olga Zapf, Jones, Marie Armstrong, Alice Adams, Louis Gerhard, Henry Langley, Louis Brucke, McQuay.

Tammany, having determined, under Charles F. Murphy's reform leadership, to commend itself to the favor of good people, naturally comes to St. Louis for the leading speaker at the Fourth of July celebration in New York, asking Governor Francis and Mr. Folk to appear in that capacity.

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MEMBERS OF TEN O'CLOCK MUSICAL CLUB ENJOY A DAY'S OUTING AT GLEN ECHO.



MRS. OLIVER J. BARWICK, PRESIDENT. MISS ROSE S. PFEIFFER, SECRETARY. Officers of the Ten O'Clock Musical Club, which entertained at the Glen Echo Club yesterday.

The members and friends of the Ten O'Clock Musical Club enjoyed an outing at the Glen Echo Club yesterday afternoon and evening with supper served on the lawn. At 8 o'clock a programme of music was rendered in the reception room by Misses E. Wagoner, Wagner, Harris, Bernard and Misses E. Pfeiffer, Castel, Zipl.

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Messieurs—H. Kawinger, E. Davy, E. Saunders, T. Naughton, W. D. Free, W. H. Brown, I. O'Leahand, C. Padon. ENTERTAINS LORRAINE CLUB. Members of Lorraine Club were entertained by Miss Maude Leon of No. 123 Delaware avenue, Wednesday evening.

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DOCTOR KENNERLY PRESIDENT.

Missouri Dental Association Will Meet Next Year in St. Louis.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Kansas City, Mo., May 21.—The thirty-ninth annual meeting of the Missouri State Dental Association closed here to-night.

MILLS' TRIAL IS CONTINUED.

Bigamist Hides Face in Handkerchief While Wives Stare at Him.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

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POEMS WORTH KNOWING.

TO THE LORD GENERAL.

BY JOHN MILTON.

This sonnet, made especially famous by the sentence, "Peace hath her victories," etc., was addressed to Oliver Cromwell when he was leader of the Parliamentary forces and practically regent of Britain, having overcome the royalists. Worcester, Dunbar and Marston are names of places where Cromwell won military renown. Milton at one time was Cromwell's secretary.

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PAYMASTER OF WABASH TO BE BURIED TO-DAY.

Arthur Monroe Harrison's Funeral Will Take Place From His Mother's Residence This Morning.

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